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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action mailed September 16, 2002, Applicant
hereby submits the following preliminary amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claim 60 and 63 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter.

3. (Amended) The medical product of claim 2, wherein the unique identifier is an alphanumeric string.

4. (Amended) The medical product of claim 2, wherein the surgical implement is a sponge, a scalpel, a scissor, or a needle.

5. (Amended) The medical product of claim 2, further comprising a memory that stores the unique identifier, and an analog front-end connected to the memory, wherein the analog front-end receives the unique identifier and transmits the unique